

Appln. No. 10/035,421
Amendment dated July 18, 2003
Reply to Office action of April 22, 2003

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

APPARATUS FOR FREEZE-DRYING FOODSTUFFS[[,]] AND MEDICAMENTS,
~~AND SO FORTH~~

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, lines 13-16, with the following amended paragraph:

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FIGURE 1 is a side elevational view in longitudinal cross-section showing the main part of a ~~conventional prior~~ art freeze-drying apparatus, in which the desiccating chamber is made up of a plurality of upright cylindrical tubes;

(Please replace the paragraph on page 10, lines 17-20, with the following amended paragraph:)

FIGURE 2 is a side elevational view in longitudinal cross-section showing the main part of a ~~conventional prior~~ art freeze-drying apparatus, in which the liquid material inlet port is constructed in the form of distributive ejection nozzles;

Please replace the abstract with the amended abstract attached on a separate replacement sheet in accordance with the new revised amendment practice.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet